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Asst Secy Martin November 13 briefed OAS and ME Ambassadors latest developments Cuban situation. Following are highlights:

1. Number of missiles removed from Cuba as far as we can tell corresponds pretty closely to number we believe Soviets might have had in Cuba. Supporting equipment has also left in great part and missile sites flattened. We have no evidence to confirm reports exile groups on missiles in caves but are investigating all such reports.

2. There has been no final agreement on inspection vessels going to Cuba by Red Cross. Regarding press speculation how long such inspection would continue, Soviets apparently thought only for duration missiles removal but we contemplate longer period. There has been no discussion any other role of Red Cross as reported in press.

3. No agreement has been reached on IL-28 bombers. We consider these offensive weapons, have said repeatedly starting with President's speech of October 22 and continue hold this position. Understanding with Soviets will not be adequately completed until bombers removed. We have no info confirming news reports that Soviets have turned bombers over to Cuba and therefore we must assume they continue in Soviet hands.

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4. Castro

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7. Quarantine ships remain on station checking vessels time to time and ready put full quarantine into effect anytime. Three LA countries participating quarantine operations with naval units and others giving facilities. We regard this cooperation very helpful.

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In question and answer period following briefing LA reps had opportunity express preoccupation over continuing threat which Castro poses for hemisphere and any efforts allow Cuba return OAS under present circumstances. Following are highlights:

Dominican Republic -

Nicaragua - with or without rockets Castro represent serious danger to hemisphere and no agreement should be reached paving way return of Cuba to OAS until danger removed. Martin explained agreement on demilitarization would be limited that field and not cover any other aspect Cuba-hemisphere relations and until Cuba ceases to be subversive agent no basis for return to OAS.

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El Salvador - Anxious know whether UN negotiations are limited to Kennedy-Khrushchev exchange on offensive weapons or whether they cover other subjects. Martin replied as far as US is concerned context not broadened and U Thant not attempting do so.

Brazil - Clarified demuclearization proposal

Costa Rica -

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